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In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A system for providing reservation data comprising:
a reservation data system interface receiving reservation inventory data and inventory update data from two or more reservation data systems; and
a master reservation system coupled to the reservation data system interface, the master reservation system receiving the reservation inventory data and storing the reservation inventory data in a database, the master reservation system receiving the inventory update data and updating the database with the inventory update data;
a user interface system coupled to the master reservation system, the user interface system receiving reservation request data and providing updated reservation inventory data in response to the reservation request data; **[[and]]**
wherein the inventory update data is generated in real time as each reservation system is updated to reflect current inventory; and
a monitoring system coupled to the master reservation system, the monitoring system storing each set of inventory update data and sequence number data associated with the set of inventory update data.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 further comprising a master reservation interface system coupled to the reservation data system interface and one of the reservation data systems, the master reservation interface system receiving the inventory update data from the reservation data system and transmitting the inventory update data to the reservation data system interface.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the master reservation system further comprises a chain system receiving chain modification data and updating the database with the chain modification data.

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5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the master reservation system further comprises a property system receiving property modification data and updating the database with the property modification data.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the master reservation system further comprises a rate plan system receiving rate plan modification data and updating the database with the rate plan modification data.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the master reservation system further comprises a distribution channel system receiving distribution channel modification data and updating the database with the distribution channel modification data.

8. (Previously presented) A method for providing reservation data comprising:
storing reservation inventory data from two or more reservation data systems in a database;

receiving inventory status update data from one or more of the reservation data systems in real-time as such inventory status update data is implemented in the associated reservation data system;

updating the database with the inventory status update data; and

storing the inventory status update data with an ~~[[associate]]~~ associated sequence number.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein storing reservation inventory data from two or more reservation data systems in a database comprises storing hotel chain data.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein storing reservation data from two or more reservation data systems in a database comprises storing property data.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein storing reservation data from two or more reservation data systems in a database comprises storing rate plan data.

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12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 wherein receiving inventory status update data from one or more of the reservation data systems comprises receiving room availability update data that indicates that a room that had previously been indicated as being reserved has since become available.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein receiving inventory status update data from one or more of the reservation data systems comprises receiving room price update data.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein receiving inventory status update data from one or more of the reservation data systems comprises receiving distressed inventory data.

15. (Currently amended) A method for providing reservation data comprising:
storing reservation data reflecting the current status of available inventory from two or more properties from a room availability database from each of two or more reservation data systems in a database and updating the database with status update data reflecting the availability of previously unavailable inventory;

receiving a request for reservation data for one or more of the properties at a central interface;

providing reservation data reflecting the current status of the property; [[and]]

wherein the available inventory at each of the two or more properties can be independently modified from an interface other than the central interface, and wherein the current status of the available inventory at each property reflects such independent modifications;
and

wherein updating the database with status update data further comprises storing the status update data and a unique transaction sequence number associated with the status update data.

Claims 16-17 (Cancelled).

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18. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein receiving the request for reservation data for one or more of the properties comprises receiving a request for distressed inventory.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein receiving the request for reservation data for one of the properties comprises receiving a request for rate plan data.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein receiving the request for reservation data for one of the properties comprises receiving a request for negotiated rate data.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 3 wherein the reservation inventory data includes room availability data for each of the available rooms at each property managed by each of the two or more reservation systems, and where the inventory update data includes rented room data at one of the properties that reflects rooms that were previously indicated as being available at that property and which have since become unavailable.

22. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a master reservation interface system coupled to the reservation data system interface and one of the reservation data systems, the master reservation system receiving the inventory update data from the reservation data system regardless of the source of the inventory update data ~~[[system]]~~ and transmitting the inventory update data to the reservation data system interface;

a status update system providing status update data that includes room reservation data and rate change data to the master reservation interface system when the status update data becomes effective for the corresponding reservation system; and

wherein the master reservation interface system transmits the status update to the master reservation system upon receiving the status update data from the status update system.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein storing reservation data reflecting the current status of available inventory from two or more properties from two or more reservation data systems in a database comprises:

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receiving status update data at a local property reservation system when a room at a property has been reserved;

transmitting the status update data to the database; and

updating a central database to decrease the number of available rooms for the property.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 wherein storing reservation data reflecting the current status of two or more properties from two or more reservation data systems in a database comprises:

receiving status update data at a local property reservation system when a rate plan at ~~the~~ the property has been changed;

transmitting the status update data to the database; and

updating a central database to change the rate plan for each of the rooms for the property.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein storing reservation data reflecting the current status of two or more properties from two or more reservation data systems in a database comprises:

receiving status update data at a hotel chain reservation system when distribution channel data for a hotel chain has been changed;

transmitting the status update data to the database, and

updating a central database to change the distribution channel data for each of two or more properties in the hotel chain.